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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2002 (Paper No. 9) and is being filed within the third month of extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). A Petition for Extension of Time to and including October 16, 2002 is filed herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows without prejudice:

**In the specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

--Referring to figures 1 to 5, the anchoring device 10 comprises a ring 12, a rod 14, a lock nut 16 and a mounting 18. The ring 12 is secured to one end of the rod 14. The ring 12 and rod 14 may be formed integrally or may be separate pieces welded together. The mounting 18 is preferably made of aluminum. Preferably they are both of stainless steel. The rod 14 is tapered at 20 and increases in diameter from about 8mm adjacent the ring 12 to about